

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A bearing for reducing friction with a support shell and a slide layer made of a bearing metal which is applied to the support shell, wherein the slide layer carries a cover layer ~~forming a running layer whose thickness corresponds at most to the wear and tear of the cover layer expected during the average service life of the slide layer,~~ wherein the average service life of the slide layer is used to calculate the initial thickness of the cover layer so that the cover layer will wear away at a time not later than the time at which the slide layer experiences metal breakage.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The bearing according to claim 1, wherein the cover layer ~~forming the running layer~~ differs optically from the slide layer.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The bearing according to claim 1, wherein the cover layer comprises a sliding lacquer.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The bearing according to claim 3, wherein the cover layer is covered by a sliding lacquer on the basis of graphite.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The bearing according to claim 3, wherein the cover layer is covered with a sliding lacquer on the basis of molybdenum sulfide.